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1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS OF APRIL 30 CARRIED DAKAR
DATELINE STORY ON SWAPO COMMUNIQUE ABOUT EXTERMINATION OF
PEOPLE IN "CLOSED ZONES" IN NAMIBIA. ARTICLE CHARGES BOSS AND
CIA HAVE CREATED "A VAST REPRESSIVE SYSTEM WHICH RESTS ON
NUMEROUS CONCENTRATION CAMPS" WHERE ARE EMPLOYED" AMERICAN
SPECIALISTS AND FORMER SS MEN WHO SHARE THEIR 'EXPERIENCE'
WITH BOSS SPECIALISTS, AFRICAN TRAITORS AND MERCENARIES."

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"AMERICAN MILITARY SPECIALISTS" ARE CITED AS RECOMMENDING USE
OF PRISONERS AS LIVE TARGETS FOR PRACTICE SHOOTING.

2. TEXT OF ARTICLE FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: THE SOUTH AFRICAN
RECISTS HAVE TURNED A NUMBER OF AREAS IN NAMIBIA INTO
"CLOSED ZONES" WHERE THEY SYSTEMATICALLY EXTERMINATE INDIVIDUALS
AND WHOLE ETHNIC GROUPS WHICH SUPPORT SWAPO AND WHICH ARE

OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUPPET REGIME IN THEIR COUNTRY.

THIS HAS BEEN REVEALED IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED HERE TODAY
BY THE SOUTHWEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION.

'MASSACRES, PUNITIVE EXPEDITIONS, NAPALM AND PELLET COMBINGS,
THE USE OF BOODY TRAPS AND DESTRUCTION OF CROPS HAVE BECOME USUAL
THINGS IN THESE ZONES', THE STATEMENT SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME CIA AND BOSS SPECIALISTS HAVE CREATED
IN NAMIBIA A VAST REPRESSIVE SYSTEM WHICH RESTS OF NUMEROUS
CONCENTRATION CAMPS.

"PARTICULARLY NOTORIOUS FOR THEIR BRUTALITY ARE AMERICANS
SPECIALISTS AND FORMER SS MEN WHO SHARE THEIR 'EXPERIENCE'
WITH BOSS SPECIALISTS, AFRICAN TRAITORS AND MERCENARIES."

"AT THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN OSHAKATI, OSHIKANGO, APINGA,
AND ONONU WERE ANGOLAN TRAITORS FROM THE UNITA AND FNLA
ALSO UNDERGO 'PRATICAL TRAINING', NAMIBIA PATRIOTS AND
HOSTAGES ARE TORTURED WITH ELETRIC CURRENT, SUSPENDED BY
THE LIMBS, THE SUN, PARTS OF THEIR FLESH ARE CUT OUT AND GODS
ARE SICCED ON THEM', THE STATEMENT DAYS.

SWAPO ALSO REVEALS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY CAMPS HAVE SPECIAL
SECTIONS FOR PRISONERS. 'THE PRISONERS ARE USED, ON RE-
COMMENDATION FROM AMERICAN MILITARY SPECIALISTS, AS LIVING
TARGETS FOR PRACTICE SHOOTING.

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"THE PRISONERS ARE ORDERED TO RUNA AND ARE THEN FIRED AT NOT
ONLY WITH CARABINES AND SUBMACHINEGUNS BUT ALSO WITH CANNONS
AND MORTARS" IT SAID.

ON AIR FORCE FIRING RANGES WHOLE GROUPS OF PRISONERS ARE USED
AS TARGETS FOR PRACTICE SHOOTING WITH ALL TYPES OF AIR CRAFT
WEAPONS.

SUCH PRACTICE SHOOTING LEAVES A MASS OF EARTH AND BLOOD.
AN AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISER WHO PREFERRED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, TOLD
SOUTH AFRICAN CORRESPONDENTS.

"THEN ALL THIS IS BURNED WITH NAPALM BECAUSE, HE SAID, WERE
NOT GOING TO REPEAT THE MISTAKES ONCE MADE BY HITLER WHO LEFT
BEHIND SO MANY COMPROMISING TRACES"
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